Dear Colleagues:

I write to thank you for agreeing to serve on the Architectural Review Committee for the Urbana-Champaign campus. The purpose and charge of the Architectural Review Committee is to function in the roles of the Campus Architect and Campus Landscape Architect. It is expected that this committee will be consulted and involved at any time when the physical fabric of the campus is considered for alteration. The Committee is responsible for reviewing architectural designs and installations of new buildings and/or additions and alterations to existing structures to ensure that the proposed work is compatible with campus standards and design guidelines. Their guiding principles are to create and maintain quality, comfortable, healthy, safe, sustainable educational and auxiliary facilities, which promote excellence in learning for all students, faculty, and staff in support of the university’s mission and strategic plan.

The charge of this committee is to:

1. Interpret the University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign Campus Design Guidelines and Facilities Standards for Professional Service Consultants and various Campus Units. Any design change that effects a prior interpretation made by this committee must be resubmitted for approval.

2. Select and/or approve materials for interior and exterior applications including but not limited to brick, stone, glazing, roofing materials, siding, window trim, and interior finishes in terms of color, texture, style, and maintenance.

3. Review design submissions and provide feedback to Design Consultants.
4. Review and approve requests for siting minor physical changes, and make recommendations for major physical changes on the campus, such as art and sculpture, outdoor plazas, exterior lighting, temporary facilities, fencing, signage, banners, antennae, mechanical apparatus, etc.

5. Review and encourage sustainable concepts as they effect design, environment, maintenance and energy conservation.

6. Coordinate campus revisions to the University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign Campus Design Guidelines.

7. Review the University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign Campus Facilities Standards for design issues and coordinate revisions where necessary.

8. Serve as the initial contact for campus facility naming requests and provide coordination of donor requests for recognition objects such as, but not limited to trees and benches.

9. Assist the Director of Capital Programs in the variance process for design issues.

10. Work with the Campus Historic Preservation Officer as required on matters dealing with historic preservation.

Planners, Project Managers, Professional Services Consultants and Campus Units can email this committee at fsarc@mx.uillinois.edu for more information.

Thank you again for your valuable contribution to the overall development of the campus.

Sincerely,

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